

SAMOAN TROUBLE

Mataafa People Threaten to Burn Malietoa Villages in the Island of Savaii.

BRITISH CRUISER GOES TO THE SCENE

Commander of the Vessel Threatened to Shell the Mataafa Villages if Peace Was Disturbed.

German Council Refused to Join With the British and American Representatives and Issued a Proclamation—Fighting Likely.

APIA, Samoa, March 10, via Auckland, New Zealand, March 16.—Owing to threats by the Mataafa people to burn the Malietoa villages in the island of Savaii unless they sent taxes levied upon them and a number of soldiers to support Mataafa, the British consul visited Savaii on the British cruiser Porpoise, and the commander of that vessel threatened to shell the villages of Mataafa's followers if peace was disturbed.

The British and American consuls have issued proclamations denying the rumors in circulation to the effect that Mataafa had been recognized and threatening strong action if the provisional government interferes with the loyalists.

The German consul refused to join with the British and American representatives, and issued a proclamation upholding the provisional government and denying that there had been any interference by the Malietoa party. He added to this document an extraordinary paragraph expressing the hope that the provisional government "would be able to encounter the danger caused anew to the peace of the country and the safety of the inhabitants by the English and American proclamation."

This has put more heart into the rebels and therefore numbers of armed warriors are gathering.

The United States cruiser Philadelphia, Adm. Kautz commanding, has arrived here, and the admiral has held extended consultations with the various consuls, Chief Justice Chamberlain and Capt. Sturdee, of the Porpoise.

The provisional government has removed the Malietoa prisoners to a stronghold on the mainland, firing volleys over their heads during the transfer in order to intimidate them.

A friendly feeling is shown by officers and men of the American and British navies here. The American admiral convened a meeting of the consuls, the chief justice and the captains of the various warships, including Germans, aboard the flagship and it is probable the result will be the presentation of an ultimatum. It is generally thought that fighting is likely to occur.

Nine Negroes Shot Down by a Mob.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 16.—A special from Palmetto, Ga., says: Nine Negroes charged with arson were shot down by a mob at 2 o'clock Thursday morning. No further particulars are known as yet.

Murdered by a Boy.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—A pretty little home on Paxton road, Hyde Park, was the scene Wednesday of one of the most fiendish murders ever committed in Cincinnati. The victim of the diabolical crime was Mrs. Julia Steigler, wife of Anthony Steigler, bookkeeper for the Laidlaw-Dunn-Gordon company. At 3 o'clock Thursday morning Albert Luken, a 16-year-old boy, was arrested at the home of his mother on Lorain avenue, Clifton, by Detectives Jackson and Kincaid for the murder. The instrument used in cutting short the life of Mrs. Steigler was an iron poker three feet long. Robbery was the motive for the terrible crime.

The Ratification of the Treaty.

MADRID, March 16.—The cabinet council Wednesday evening decided that the treaty of peace with the United States should be ratified immediately after the dissolution of the cortes, which will probably be decreed Thursday. The elections to the new chamber will be fixed for April 16 and to the senate for April 30, the new cortes to reassemble on May 2.

To Suppress Smallpox.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 16.—The Texas legislature Wednesday passed a bill making an appropriation of \$20,000 to be used by the state health officials in suppressing the prevalence of smallpox at Laredo. It is reported here that there are now 500 people sick in bed in Laredo as victims of the smallpox.

To Investigate Automatic Coupling.

LONDON, March 16.—The principal English railway companies have resolved to dispatch agents to institute a private inquiry into the working of automatic couplings in the United States.

Hydrographic Survey of the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The navy department now has on hand the hydrographic survey of the Philippines. It is probable that when the Vixen reaches Manila she will be put on survey work as soon as she can be spared.

A DESPERATE FIGHT.

Strongly Fortified Village Northwest of Pasig Captured—Americans Lost Seventeen Wounded.

MANILA, March 16.—The strongly fortified village of Calat, northwest of Pasig, was captured Wednesday after a desperate fight, by the 20th regular infantry. The Americans lost 17 wounded, while the rebel loss was heavy.

MANILA, March 16.—The insurgents at the outposts and in the trenches beyond Calocan fired several volleys Wednesday night upon the Kansas volunteers and a part of the 4th regulars, desiring, it is supposed, to discover if the American line had been thinned by the movement of Gen. Wheaton's command.

The Americans in the trenches replied warmly to the fire. A battalion of the 20th regular infantry routed a small band of Filipinos on the Laguna road and some sharpshooters who were firing from a house over which a French flag was flying were dislodged.

A gunboat entered the lake and silenced a one-gun battery in the foothills.

LONDON, March 16.—The Evening News, Wednesday afternoon, publishes the following dispatch from Manila:

"Gen. Wheaton has completely routed the Filipinos and has occupied Pasig, Taguig and Paternos. Several hundred of the enemy were killed and as many were captured."

"Gen. Otis says this is the greatest victory since February 5. The Americans will now press towards Aguinaldo's headquarters."

MANILA, March 16.—Gen. Lloyd Wheaton, commanding the United States flying column, attacked and defeated a force of 2,000 Filipinos at Pasig Wednesday afternoon, inflicting a heavy loss upon them. The American loss was slight. The Americans captured 350 Filipinos. Many bodies of rebels killed in the engagement are floating down the river.

TO MUSTER OUT VOLUNTEERS.

Camp Meade Being Re-Established and the Volunteers Will Be Mustered Out There Hereafter.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The re-establishment of Camp Meade, near Middletown, Pa., for the muster out of volunteer troops is going rapidly forward. An officer of the quartermaster's department has been there some time and is putting the camp in condition for occupancy of the troops. Wednesday Maj. Harry Wilkins, chief commissary of subsistence at New York, was ordered to Camp Meade to purchase and have on hand supplies to feed the troops when they reach Camp Meade. The difficulty that has already been encountered in southern ports has hastened matters at Meade.

CLERICAL FORCE REDUCED.

One Hundred and Twenty Employees Reduced in Grade and 59 Discharged From the Government Service.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—There was a heavy reduction in the clerical force of the war department Wednesday, 120 employees being reduced in grade and 59 being discharged from the government service. The reason was the reduced state of appropriations for their employment. These clerks and messengers were employed as a special force to meet the emergency caused by the war, being directly appointed and without reference to civil service rules and were mainly women. Consequently there were some exhibitions of genuine distress on the announcement of the departments' order.

ON THE WAY TO CUBA.

Postmaster General Smith, Assistant Postmaster General Bristol and C. E. Dawson Will Visit the Island.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—A party of postal officials, comprising Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristol, Chief Beavers, of the salary and allowance division, and Mr. Clarence E. Dawson, secretary to the postmaster general, left here Wednesday afternoon for Cuba via Tampa.

The postmaster general's mission is to confer with Director of Posts Rathbone at Havana over important matters affecting the postal service on the island. The party probably will be away about a week.

Denies the Report.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Mr. Calvo, the minister of Costa Rica, gave out a statement Wednesday denying the report brought by a passenger of a steamer arriving in New York that the revolt was spreading. Mr. Calvo declares that correspondence received by the same steamer shows the country to be perfectly tranquil.

Striking Miners Go to Work.

FORT SMITH, Ark., March 16.—The striking miners at Hobart have returned to work. Those in the Banhatt mines at Howe have made terms with the operators and are returning to work. The operators agreed to reinstate all the strikers. Elsewhere the conditions are unchanged.

FURY OF THE WIND

The Suburbs of Birmingham, Ala., Are Swept by a Storm, Doing Much Damage.

MANY BUILDINGS WERE LEVELED.

Two Churches and a Row of Ten Frame Houses Were Completely Demolished in Avondale.

A Colored School and Baptist Church at Woodlawn Were Destroyed, Also Several Stores, Machine Shops and Twenty Dwellings.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 15.—A disastrous tornado visited Avondale and Woodlawn, suburbs of Birmingham, at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning, doing \$30,000 damage. Passing near the big Avondale cotton mills, which narrowly escaped destruction, it demolished two churches and a row of ten frame houses. Occupants of the latter generally escaped unhurt, fleeing at the approach of the storm.

Fritchman's summer garden was swept away. W. M. Lindsay's flower conservatories were left in ruins. At Woodlawn Mrs. R. C. Foster was ill in bed, with her husband watching at her side. The house was taken from over their heads and the bedstead blown a hundred feet. Foster rescued his wife by seizing her in his arms. She was unhurt. A colored school and Baptist church at Woodlawn were destroyed; also several stores, machine shops and 20 dwellings. A heavy anvil was lifted from its pedestal in Wood's machine shop and carried 20 feet.

The wind blew a fearful gale, and great havoc is believed to have been wrought further up Jones' Valley. A number of people were more or less injured, but no fatalities are reported. Several buildings in Birmingham were

NEW YORK'S ELECTRIC DEATH CHAIR.



This shows the electrocution chair by which criminals in New York state are put to death. It is not a pleasant piece of furniture to gaze upon. Straps hold the victim in place. Electric wires touch the spine, the leg and the head; and in this position the criminal is shocked to death. All the country is astir over the coming execution of Mrs. Martha J. Place, who is condemned to die in the week of March 20 in the electrocution chair. Gov. Roosevelt refuses to pardon her. She is accused of brutally murdering her stepdaughter, Ida Place.

Damaged by windows and skylights being blown out. The Sloss furnace stockhouse was destroyed. The path of the storm proper was only 100 feet wide, and the full force of it narrowly missed Birmingham, passing through the eastern outskirts of the city.

Mrs. Annie Johnson was buried beneath the wreckage of her home, and had to be dug out. She is in a critical condition. Arthur Higgins, a boy, was hurt under the timbers of his fallen home. He had an arm broken and is otherwise seriously hurt. Terrific rain fell, and all trains between Birmingham and Greenville, Miss., have been abandoned because of washouts. Other railroads also suffered.

Sheriff Calls for Troops.

DENVER, Col., March 16.—A dispatch was received by Gov. Thomas Thursday morning from Sheriff J. W. Deek, of Hillside county, asking for troops to aid him in enforcing the law at Lake City. It says a hundred or more armed men, mostly Italians, are defying the law. Arrangements are being made to send a company from Denver at once.

Twenty Years in the Penitentiary. MERRIDIAN, Miss., March 16.—Thrasher Meade, the notorious Negro train robber, safe blower and bandit, was sentenced to the federal penitentiary in the United States court here Wednesday for 20 years. In passing sentence Judge Niles expressed regret that he could not under the law sentence Meade to death.

Washington Baseball Team.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Washington baseball club left the city on the Norfolk boat Wednesday night for Hampton, Va., to engage in a month's practice for the season of 1909. Included in the party were Manager Arthur Irwin, 14 members of the club and Arlie Latham, who probably will be signed by the team.

LANSING, Mich., March 16.—Gov. Pinckney signed the Atkinson railway taxation bill at 2:15 p. m.

ROBBERY, ARSON AND MURDER

A Texas Robs a Store, Fires the Building, Returns Home, Murders His Wife and Commits Suicide.

WACO, Tex., March 16.—Ed Bean, at Baton, 35 miles south of here, after a night spent in robbery and arson, attacked his wife, in a fit of jealousy, about daylight Wednesday morning. The woman fled from their home through the principal street of the town pursued by her frantic husband armed with a shotgun and a revolver. The man approached near enough to the fleeing woman to make sure of his aim when he fired a load of shot into her head. As she fell face down he emptied the second barrel into her body, after which he fired a bullet from the pistol into his own head, blowing out his brains. Few people were astir and the deed was done before any of the horror-stricken spectators could interfere. The sound of the shots had scarcely died away when flames were seen issuing from the big hardware store of Wilson & Austin, which was totally destroyed with its stock. An examination showed that the weapons used by Bean had been stolen from this store and he had evidently set fire to the place after obtaining the weapons and ammunition with which to kill the woman. The loss on the hardware, stock and store is about \$25,000, with \$5,000 insurance.

THE BECKER WIFE MURDER.

The Sausage Maker Takes Chicago Police to the Place Where He Had Buried the Charred Remains.

CHICAGO, March 16.—August Becker, the sausage maker who confessed Tuesday night to having killed his wife and boiled and burned her body, Wednesday took the police officers to the spot in his yard where he had buried the charred remains. Two baskets of burned bones were found, and Dr. Dorsey Wednesday night identified a portion of them as a human shoulder blade. A small piece of the woman's dress was also found.

ALLEGED SWINDLERS.

Two Said to Belong to a Notorious Gang Arrested—It Is Said They Have Swindled Merchants Out of \$50,000.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Mrs. Ruth Howard, 28 years old, and Herman Cohen, 30 years old, a broker, both of Brooklyn, were arrested Wednesday on the charge of grand larceny. It is alleged by the police that these two prisoners belong to a notorious gang of swindlers which operated last month under the name of W. B. Deming & Co., at 32 Broadway. During their short stay in that place it is said that they swindled merchants in this city and elsewhere out of nearly \$50,000.

Kipling Convalescing. NEW YORK, March 16.—Mr. Kipling was able to sit up in bed Wednesday night and partake of a course dinner. He ate heartily of several dishes of a more substantial nature than any yet given to him. The improvement continues from hour to hour, and Dr. Dunham thinks his patient will be able to leave his bed before Sunday.

Dr. Self About to Start for Samoa. BERLIN, March 16.—Dr. Self, who has been named by the German government to replace Dr. Joannes Raffel as president of the municipal council at Apia, is about to start for Samoa, via London and Washington, calling on officials concerned at both places.

A Car Plunges Into the River. WORCESTER, Mass., March 16.—A car on the Millbury division of the Worcester & Suburban railway ran off the track from McGowan's bridge and plunged into the Blackstone river at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. Three persons were drowned and one injured.

Drowned in Broad River. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 16.—Jesse Webb, aged 70, farmer of Cook county, was drowned while crossing French Broad river, his horse stumbling.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Wednesday's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$277,809,871; gold reserve, \$241,371,347.

The Pennsylvania Tube Co., Pittsburgh, employing several thousand men, has advanced the wages of all employees 10 per cent.

J. W. Spalding, a director of the New York Baseball club for many years, has resigned because he believes the club is not being operated in a sportsmanlike way.

Hon. A. H. Willit, late justice of the Texas supreme court and an ex-congressman, died suddenly at 12:50 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, of heart failure, at Galveston, Tex.

Rev. J. R. Tuttle, pastor of the First Baptist church of Portsmouth, O., has accepted a call to the North Baptist church of Philadelphia. He will assume charge on Easter Sunday.

Gov. Roosevelt has refused to commute the sentence of Mrs. Martha Place, the Brooklyn murderess, and she will be electrocuted some day during next week at Sing Sing prison.

The United States transport Sedgwick arrived at noon Wednesday at Newport News, Va., from Santiago, having aboard the 8th Illinois regiment of colored volunteer infantry.

Joe Henrichs, a deputy United States marshal, was murdered at his home in Tanquean, I. T., Wednesday while asleep, by Matthew Craig, who had been arrested by the victim for selling liquor to Indians. Craig escaped.

The annual convention of the republican party of Rhode Island was held at Providence Wednesday. Gov. Elisha Dyer, of Providence, and other state officers were unanimously re-nominated.

Frank A. Vanderlip, assistant secretary of the treasury, after several weeks' absence on account of serious illness at his home in Chicago, returned to his duties Wednesday, greatly improved in health.

The Japanese cruiser Chitose will sail from San Francisco for Yokohama about March 23. The report that she has met with several mishaps to her machinery since being turned over to the Japanese crew is denied by her engineers.

The Crystal group of mines, located about four miles west of Jamestown, Cal., on the mother lode, have been sold by C. E. Shafter to an Edinburgh, Scotland, syndicate for \$250,000. Extensive development work is to be begun at once.

Acting Postmaster General Heath issued an order directing that on and after March 14, the fees for postal money orders issued in the United States for payment in Cuba shall be the same as those fixed by law for domestic money orders.

On the arrival of the American line steamer Paris, Capt. Watkins, at St. Pierre, Martinique, from Fort de France, Wednesday evening Mr. Sherman's physicians reported that his condition was much improved and gave ground for encouragement.

The Missouri house Wednesday killed the two-cent passenger rate bill. It was amended by striking out all after the enacting clause. The vote was 74 to 47. Railroad men in all parts of the state had petitioned against the bill because it would result in the reduction of their salaries.

A woman who died suddenly on a doorstep on West Twenty-eighth street, New York, Sunday night, has been identified as Miss Lena Thompson, of Memphis, Tenn., daughter of a wealthy planter. She had previously been sick in Bellevue hospital and at the city hospital on Blackwell's island.

Charged With Counterfeiting.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Chief Wilkie, of the secret service, Wednesday received a telegram stating that Isaac Silverstein and Dyer Huheman had been arrested at Kalamazoo, Mich., on a charge of counterfeiting nickels and pennies, and that a large quantity of material, dies, etc., had been captured. Much of the bogus coin is said to have been circulated in Chicago.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, March 16.—FLOUR—Spring patent, \$2.70; 48's, spring family, \$2.50; 50's, spring family, \$2.40; winter patent, \$2.50; 48's, winter family, \$2.40; 50's, winter family, \$2.30; extra, \$2.20; low grade, \$2.10; northwestern rye, \$2.30; 48's, rye, \$2.20; 50's, rye, \$2.10. WHEAT—Sales: No. 2 red, track, 76; No. 2 mixed, track, 75; No. 2 white, track, 74. CORN—Sales: No. 2 mixed, track, 38; No. 2 white, track, 37. OATS—Sales: Sample mixed, track, 24; No. 2 mixed, track, 23; No. 2 white, track, 22. HAY—Sales: No. 1 timothy, track, 10; No. 2 timothy, track, 9; No. 3 timothy, track, 8. BUTTER—Sales: Select shippers, \$3.50; select butchers, \$3.40; fair to good pickers, \$3.30; common and roughs, \$3.20; 100 lbs. and less, \$3.10. EGGS—Sales: Fair to good shippers, \$1.35; good to choice butchers, \$1.30; fair to medium butchers, \$1.25; common, \$1.20; 25; poisons, \$1.20; fat export butts, \$1.15. SWEET—Extra, \$4.15; good to choice, \$4.00; common to fair, \$3.85; clipped sheep, \$3.80. LARD—Extra, \$5.15; good to choice, \$5.00; common to fair, \$4.85; clipped lard, \$4.80; spring lard, \$4.80; 30 to 35 lbs. each, per lb. VEAL CALVES—Extra, \$6.75; fair to good light, \$6.50; common and large, \$6.25. PORK—May, \$9.40; July, \$9.50; September, \$9.60. WHEAT—May, \$2.40; July, \$2.50; September, \$2.60. CORN—May, \$2.40; July, \$2.50; September, \$2.60. OATS—May, \$2.40; July, \$2.50; September, \$2.60. HAY—May, \$2.40; July, \$2.50; September, \$2.60. BUTTER—May, \$2.40; July, \$2.50; September, \$2.60. EGGS—May, \$2.40; July, \$2.50; September, \$2.60. SWEET—May, \$2.40; July, \$2.50; September, \$2.60. LARD—May, \$2.40; July, \$2.50; September, \$2.60. PORK—May, \$2.40; July, \$2.50; September, \$2.60.



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